WORKING HARD FOR PEACE.

The Ecclesiastical Conference, Its Objects



REV. W. A. CAMPBELL, D. D. Chairman Executive Committee). it will continue to solicit the aid and influence of the heads of all the Christian

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In the address haying the subject before the various religions bodies the importance and hopefulness of the undertaking is thus set forth:

"Notwithstanding the healthful influence of Christianity in all those lands that have received the gospel, it is a lamentable fact that still international questions are referred to the arbitrament of arms. Many Christian countries maintain large standing armies and navies that constantly menace the peace of the world, and are a grievous burden to the people that support them. Whilst some international differences are settled by international differences are settled by International differences are settled by of the United States

war force, though war be averted, withdraws multitudes from their homes and the useful pursuits of peace, and imposes a heavy task upon the people for its support. And, further, let it be borne in mind that wars do not settle causes of disputes between nations on principles of right and justice, but upon the barbaric principle of the triumph of the strongest.

We are encouraged to urge this cause.

THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN RICHEOND.

The Members of the Executive Committee Residents of This City—Petitions
Being Adopted Far and Wide—Work of the Organization in Europe.

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clash between two such powerful nations as the United States and England.

This organization is opposed to war, and for several years it has sought the cooperation and support of Christian hattons at large against the greatest calamity that befolls mankind. It favors the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, and with this purpose in view arbitration, and with this purpose in view was held in Chicago in August, 1803. It correspondence, and a secondary was held in Chicago in August, 1893. It was determined that more general concurrence in the petition was desirable before it should be presented to the government, and to effect this the Executive constitute was reappointed as follows:

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Rev. W. A. Campbell, D. D., (chairman), W. H. Pleasants, Esq., Colonel C. O'B. Cowardin, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, Rev. Moses D. Horo, D. D., Rev. Paul L. Menzel, D. D., Rev. P. A. Peterson, D. D., Rt. Rev. A. W. Randolph, D. D.
They were given authority to fill vacancies in their own number, and to receive and expend such sums of money as might be raised for the work. The resignation of Colonel Cowardin, and the death of Rev. Dr. Peterson made two vacancies in the committee. Three other members were added—John S. Ellett, Esq., who is treasurer of the committee. John Marton, Esq., and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Marton, Esq., and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Marton, Esq., and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, Esq., and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee. John Morton, esq. and J. H. Whitty, Esq. Mr. Pleasants is secretary of the committee of committee and layers of the committee and layers. J. L. D. was chairman and convener. This Co-operative Committee and Esq. Mr. Pleasants of the committee and layers. And the committee and layers. And the committee and layers. And the committee and t He Will Fill the Position of Organist at Freemason-Street Raptist Church.

Mr. Edgar L. Justis, who occupies an honorable position in the front rank of Richmond's musicians, and who has for the past few years presided in the organioff at some of our leading churches, has accepted the position as organist at the Freemason-Street Baptist church, in Norfolk. The church is one of the largest in the South, and possesses a magnificent organ, which is, at the present time, being enlarged and repaired at a cost of \$5,000. When completed it will be the finest in the State.

Mr. Justis has made a life study of the divine art, and in addition to a wide Mr. Justis has made a life study of the divine art, and in addition to a wide technical knowledge, is a brilliant per-former. He will be a distinct loss to Richmond musical circles, and the an-nouncement of his departure was met, with a storm of protest from the con-gregation at Grace-Street Haptist church, where he has played for the last twelve months.

hers of whom seventy-one are clergymen, and the others well-known members of Parliament and prominent educators.

The reports of Dr. Darly, setting forth the results of his work on the continent in behalf of the movement are oute gratifying, and were recently published in The fring, and were recently published in The

has organ.



MR. JUSTIS GOES TO NORFOLK. He Will Fill the Position of Organist at

ability in the training of choirs, and the All Saints and Grace-Street Raptist choirs and the Mendelssohn Quartette have all recognized as efficient musi-cal organizations, while under his direc-

tion.

He has composed a number of clever pieces, both for the plane and organ, and has brought himself into prominence as a critic and as an author, and his work on "Rhythm" has been favorably received and commented upon by the

DIED ON THE STREET.

Last Night.

expected.

His remains were taken to his home on Leigh street.

ALLOWED TO SERVE GOD.

A Colored Minister Says No Slave Was

ir Sir,-Please give me space to

They Could Not Come.

T. P. A. Meeting.

The organization is growing in interest

The Districts Change 1.

night, Janury 18th, at 8 o'clock.

ed) of Manchester

UTAH IS NOW A STATE. THE FORTY-FIFTH MEMBER OF THE STATEROOD PROCLAIMED. Universalist.-American Universalist

> Governor West Gets the Steel Pen and Wooden Penholder With Which the Document is Signed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-Utah was admitted to the sisterhood of States at

mitted to the sisterhood of States at 10:03 o'clock this morning, when President Cleveland signed the proclamation to that effect.

Mr. Cleveland and Private Secretary Thurber were alone in the President's office at that time, and the signing was done by a steel stub pen-point affixed to a wooden pen-holder. The pen and pen-holder were presented to Governor West, of Utah, who came to the White House about the time the ploclamation was signed.

igned.
THE PROCLAMATION. The proclamation is as follows: "By the President of the United States-

"By the President of the United States— A Proclamation:
"Whereas the Congress of the United States passed an act, which was approved on the sixteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled 'An act to enable the people of Utah to form a constitution and State Government, and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States,' which act provided for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention to meet at the seat of government. The Alliance, which embraces nearly all the Presbyterian and Reformed churches of the world, approved the petition at its Council in 182, and recommended its adoption by all the bodies which it represents.

The movement has been commended by the Universal Peace Congress at London. 1890; that at Chicago, 1893, and that at Antwerp, 1894; and also by the Peace Bureau at Berne, representing the Peace tion of delegates to a constitutional convention to meet at the seat of government of the Territory of Utah on the first Monday in March, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, for the purpose of declaring the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the people of the State and for forming a State Government for such State; and:

"Whereas delegates were accordingly elected, who met, organized, and declared on behalf of said proposed State their adoption of the Constitution of the United States, all as provided in such act, and

adoption of the Constitution of the United States, all as provided in such act, and "Whereas said convention, organized, did by ordinance, irrevocable without the consent of the United States and the people of said State, as required by said act, provide that perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and that no inhabitant of said State shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship, but that polygamous or plural marriages are forever prohibited; and did also by said ordinance make the other specifications recited in section three of said act, ions recited in section three of said act,

"Whereas said convention thereupon formed a constitution and State Government for said proposed State, which constitution, including ordinance, was duly submitted to the people thereof at an election held on the Tussday next after the first Monday of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, as directed by mald act and "Whereas the return of said election has been made and canyassed, and the

stoption of said constitution and ordinance; and "Whereas the Constitution and government of said proposed State are republican in form, said Constitution is not reagment to the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence, and all of the provisions of said but have been compiled with in the formation of said constitution and government; and now, therefore, "I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, in accordance with the act day. Mr. Herbert C. Duce will succeed Mr. Justis at the Grace-Street Baptist church The Sudden Demise of Mr. Leon Weinberg

"I. Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, in accordance with the act of Congress aforesaid, and by authority thereof, announce the result of said election to be as so certified, and do hereby declare and proclaim that the terms and conditions prescribed by the Congress of the United States to entitle the State of Utah to admission into the United Interest of the United States and its admission into the Union have been duly compiled with, and that the creation of said State and its admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original States is now accomplished. "In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. (Scal.)
"Done at Washington on this the fourth About 10 o'clock last night Mr. Leon Weinberg, agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who resides at 24 east Leigh street, fell in a dying condition in front of Campbell's salous, on Broad street between Adams and Jefferson. He was at once carried into Campbell's place, and everything possible done for him, but in a few minutes he breathed his last. for him, but in a few minutes he breathed his last.

The ambulance, with Dr. Lobenberg in charge, responded to the call, but could he of no service. Coroner Taylor was notified of Mr. Weinberg's sudden death, and after viewing the remains decided not to hold any inquest, as it was evident that Mr. Weinberg came to his death from natural causes. He is said to have long been afflicted with some disorder, and his sudden death was not unexpected.

"Done at Washington on this the fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hunderd and ninety-six, and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hun-

red and twentleth.

"GROVER CLEVELAND.

"By the President:

"Richard Olney.

"Secretary of State."

FUN IN FULTON.

The following letter was sent to the danchester Leader by Rev. J. T. Russel, astor of the Second Baptist church (col-

ored), of Manchester:

Dear Sir, Please give me space to correct a statement made by one Mr. Jackson, who preached for my people on Sunday last. He said that the white people who owned slaves did not allow them to serve the Lord as they do now. I wish to deny the statement made by him.

The white people all over this country did allow their slaves to serve God. I was not present when the statement was made, but was informed by my deacons when I returned from a trip during Christmas. I can say, knowingly, that the white people along the religious line, and I am sorry the statement was made. I am for peace and not strife, and I am opposed to the men that are for strife.

They Could Not Come.

of several Christmas hymns by forly it-tle boys from Mrs. Gill's orphan asylum. Another interesting feature was the presentation of the prizes lev. G. Williams, in a neat fille talk, presented the pastor, Rev. Mr. Daugherty, on be-half of the church, with a purse contain-ing a handsome sum of muney Mr. Daugherty, in accepting it, could hardly aived a handsome manicure set from her ass. Miss Malya Enroughty was pre-inted by the school with a beautiful Ox-stat teacher's Bible for having the ban-er class. Nearly all the teachers presented their scholars with some suitable sented their scholars with some suitable selft for attendance, etc. The singing by the choir, composed of Messrs, Reams and Sanuels and Misses Alice Sutherand, Ida Spear and Otiver Minson, was especially fine.

The Christman exercises of Denny-street

The Christmas exercises of Denny-street Methodist church, held last Wednesday night, were also especially enjoyable. The following programme was rendered: "Happy Days," by the choir; opening address by Master Nelson Worman; talk to St. Nicholas, Miss Norman Mosby, recliation, Master Thomas Whitlow; "Hark! the Music," by the choir; recliation, "When Santa Comes," Miss Nora Philbates; singing, "The Merry Christmas," by the school; recliation, Miss Ruth Griffin; "The Angels Song," by the choir; recliation, "My Mother's Bible," Miss Bessie Bryant; recliation, Miss Minnie Whitlow; "Martha Washinston Tea Party," five little misses; "Oh, Star Seven," by the choir; recliation, "Froggle," Master James Avery; dialogue, "Merry Christmas," five boys and five girls; "Multitude of Angels," by the choir; recliation, "New-Year Greeting," Master Howard Leonard; "The Bells," by the choir.

The singing by the choir, which was under the directorship of Professor S. A. King, was of high order and surpassed all other musical events yet held in this rection. Miss Cora Smith recedible at the

King, was of high order and surpassed all other musical events yet held in this section. Miss Cora Smith presided at the organ, with Messrs. Willie Holtz and Thomas Welmer as accompaniment with cornet and picolo respectively. At the conclusion of the programme the superintendent announced that there were several prevents to be gleen out and that the Rev. Mr. Williams would present them to the worty ones, which he did in a musterly manner. Miss Cora Smith was presented with a beautiful lamp, Colonel Charles Mosby a hasdsome silk umbrella, Mr. Charles Smith a watch charm with a Mr. Charles Smith a watch charm with a brilliant atta.ne.! Mrs. Worman a beauti-ful picture with ease!, Miss Hicks a book and Miss Blankenship a valuable pack-

A beautiful tissue-paper entertainm was given on Tuesday night last at Dillard's Hall, on Williamsburg avenue, by the Helping Hands Society of Weddell Memorial chape. The entstrainment

Britton. Mr. Guy Mosby presided at the organ and rendered some beautiful selections. The evening was most pleasantly spent and enjoyed greatly by the many friends of the happy couple, by the many friends of the happy couple, after which they left on a southern train for their future home in Charleston, S. C.

The children's festival at the Weddell Memorial chapel took place last Wednesday night. A large number of presents were given away and the exercises were highly interesting.

A private soirce was held at Donahue's Hall last Wednesday night and a large to the first train for their future home in Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pease, of West Point, after mother, Mrs. H. Garber, and her brother, Mr. F. H. Garber, during the holitlays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and son, Master Lewis, of West Point, are visiting sell in "The Little Duke."

Hall last Wednesday night and a large crowd of young people spent a delightful

Messrs. A. Morgan, Parker and Quinn Mr. Floyd Reams, son of Mr. J. W. Reams, was thrown from its buggy Friday while rounding the corner of Flith and Denny streets. The buggy passed

ver him, but fortunately with no serious Mr. James Hartley, after a pleasant visit to relatives in Alexandria, has re-

Miss Nellie Duffy has return Miss Neine bany has returned atter pleasant visit to relatives in West Point.
A donkey party was held at the house of Miss Celin and Katie Bowen Friday night. Refreshments were served. Miss Mamie McMahon and Mr. Eddle Mitchell won the prizes. A very enjoyable time

Mr. M. A. Enright returned to Newport Mr. A. A. Finish to Newholf News after spending the holidays here.
Mr. S. A. King, who spent the holidays a Pennsylvanta with his parents, has returned home.
The funeral of Mrs. Annie Johnson, who

tied last Saturday night, took place from lutten Baptist church last Monday. The leceased had resided in Fulton for a long number of years and was a highly respect-

Mr. Coleman Cadigan, of New Jersey, who has been on a visit here to his sister, Mrs. Michael Craven, returned home last

Mr. and Mrs. John it Pease, of West Point, returned home on Thursday, after a very pleasant visit to her mother, Mrs. M. Garber, and her brother, Mr. F. H. Garber, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and son, Mas-ter Lewis, of West Point, are visiting Mrs. Bettie R. Johnson, of Nichelson street.

Mrs. Bettle 1. John Street.

Mr. John Canfield and wife, of Varina, Henrico county, have returned from a trip to the Atlanta Exposition.

The Richimond Cedar Works, since the first of the year, have put in a device by which all of the employes are required to register going in and out from work. This device will also expedite maters in the way of keeping time, as each employe has a separate clock or machine to register.

A sunrise prayer-meeting will be held at the Denny-street M. E. church this

morning.

Mr. Richard W. Batterby will entertain his Sunday-school class at his residence, No. 201 Nicholson street Monday, January 13th. This date is also his birthday, which he will celebrate.

AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE. The Convict Labor Question Discussed by

Two Committees.

Rev. P. E. Throckmorton will preach at Paumankey church to-day at both morning and evening services.

A musicale at the residence of Mr. T. H. Farrand in Fulton Hill New-Year's-Eve night heid in bonor of his daughter. Miss Flossle, was a brilliant social affair. A large number of friends of the family of Mrs. King, of Church Hill. The vocal and Frstrumental selections were artistically rendered. A highly enloyed time was had by all present. A very pretty home wedding was that of Tuesday at 5 P. M., when Miss Laura (Glertle) Moreceek became the bride of Mr. Maurice B. Willis. The ceremony was solemnized at the residence of the bride of Mr. Maurice B. Willis. The ceremony was solemnized at the residence of the bride of father. Captain A. M. Morecock, No. 809 Graham street, by the Eev. J. W. Daugherty. After the ceremony an elegant well.

The January term of the Hustings to court will begin to-morrow morning.

But for the cool head and prompt ac-tion of Sergeant Cosby, of the Second police Station, there might have been a trightful disaster at the Academy of

police Station, there might have been a trightful disaster at the Academy of Music last evening.

During the first and second acts one of the many cigarette smokers who filled the lobby threw a lighted cigarette down one of the registers which is near the main entrance. There was a large accumulation of dirt in the flue, and it ignited. Mr. Ross, Miss Russell's personal representative, noticed the burning oder and ouckly called attention to it.

Sergeant Cosby immediately recognized the danger of a fire, and he knew that if the audience smelt the burning oder there might be serious consequences. He quickly secured a bucket of water and poured it down the flue. This caused a volume of smoke to fill the lobby. Sergeant Cosby allowed no one to spen the door leading into the Academyl until the smoke had escaped.

It was a narrow escape, for with the large audience present there is no teling how fatal might have been the consequences had some excited person cried. "Fire!"

THE LITTLE DUKE."

The Legislative Committee of the Trades and Labor Council, consisting of Messrs, McCulioch, Doherty, Payne, Murphy, and Weed, and the following members of the Legislature from ints city, Messrs, Reddy, Bryant, Cabed, and Harwood, met at No. 2112 cast Clay street last night and held a conference in regard to the convict-labor question. The recent bills introduced in the House in regard to the matter of convict labor by Mr. Bryant were informally discussed. The Blehmend members of the House expressed themselves as being in favor of these bills, and promised to use their influence to secure their passage. No settlen was taken, as the meeting was simply for the purpose of an informal conference upon the question. At the adjournment it was decided to meet again next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

BOLD SLASH IN PR

Honest Goods, Honest Values, and Honest Representations are the mighty magnets that attract the crowds. The irresistible power of Low Prices continually moves these famous \$9.75 Suits from the counters every hour in the day and every day in the week. Men's Suits of this Superior Standard of Manufacture will always command ready buyers for the small sum of \$9.75, when it is considered that the Cloth alone in some of the Suits represents more intrinsic value than is actually charged for the Suits made up ready to wear, to say nothing about their being Union Tailored in Our Own Union Workshops by Our Own Union Tailors, and are guaranteed to fit equal to any \$25 Measure-Made Suit produced by any Merchant Tailor in the land,

Brag is one thing and Solid Facts The increased Purchasing Power of money creates the great est good to the greatest numbers The steady run of buyers in the Overcoat Department shows con clusively that cash talks foud and dollars are mostly doing double Better Overcoat propert for the X was never offered. funny business about Overcoat selfing here-Overcoats must be sold without reserve and as rapidly as emergency demands, to reduce the stock. Hard-Pan, Cut-Rate Manufacturers' Reduction Sale Prices means Bargains-and Big Bargain in Overcoats. Ten Dollars takes : good one, \$12 a finer one, and for \$15 just such Coats as Big-Gun Tailors ask double and treble the Bargain Price now charged for them.

Sensible, Wide-Awake, Practical Business Men, Shrewd Men that Business enough to know Sterling Worth when they see it can readily discern that which is genuine from bogus imitation, are bo'dly asserting that these \$7.50 All-Wool, Extra-Heavy Cheviot Suits are the best they've ever seen for the money and embody more sightliness, service, and good points of merit than any Suit at \$7.50 they've ever seen at this or any other sale.

If there is any one thing above another in which the people are most interested in these days of stringent financial affairs it is in buying their necessities on the closest and most economical basis closest and most economical basis possible. Hundreds of these \$5 Noney-Saving Suits are on the backs of middle-size men, ranging in size up to 35 inches breast measure, and not a single one of these that will not stand for appearance, wear, and fit, equal to Suits they've paid double the money for and then didn't get Clothes to please

them better nor dress them any-

Oxford Storm Coats for men of medium build, within the weight of 140 (not larger), and Chinchilla Overcoats for men of heavier proportions-good Coats, these, for the money-stoutly made and trimmed and embodying all the comfort, value, and appearance that there is ever possible to get in Overcoat buying for \$6.75. The quantity is limited, and the sizes won't last

long. First come, first served.

thing like so well.

CUT PRICES INBOYS'ATTIRE

Any boy up to fifteen years o 230 age can get a good, decent pair of Knee Length Trousers, made from heavy winter fabrics that are strongly woven (not quite all wool) guaranteed neither shoddy, satinet nor cottonade, will give good wear and in every way a bang-up pair of Knee Pants for the money, and we can confidently state that there is not a single pair in the entire lot worth less than 35 cents, whilst many of this assortment are culled from the 40 and 50 cent lines. These Pants go for 23 cents to make them move lively.

Knee Pants, extra well made 48c from double warp, good stock, patent waistbands, tape seams, double seat and knee, genuine wear-resisters, actual value nearly double the bargain price. To clean 'em up quick-choice 48c.

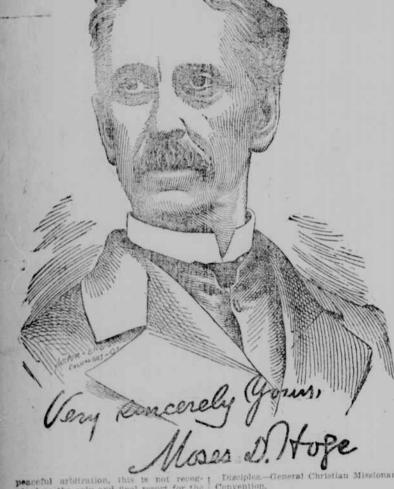
Short Pants Suits for Boys of solid dark navy blue material, well made and finished—double-breasted jackets—pants reinforced seat and knees, patent bands, riveted buttons, tape seams—sizes ranging chiefly from 11 to 15 (none smaller) the small ones of this lot are gone, and from the way they're selling it won't be long before it will serve the big ones likewise. If interested don't delay. \$1.95 don't delay.

Long Storm Ulsters, with extra wide collars and detachable cape, made from choice brown plaid material, excellent for service, and a stylish storm ulster in every particular--limited quantity-as long as they last, \$3.50.

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CLOTHIERS, TAILORS, FURNISHERS, CLOTHIERS, TAILURS, FURNISHERS, HATTER



petitioning all the governments of chrittan countries to take measures to basish warfare as the means of estiling the strifes that arise between nations, an littute a more rational and Christian

We send you a copy of a petition which we propose to address to these reveral governments, and ask you to adopt the same. If it meets your approval, or some other, looking to the same end."

THE PETITION. The following petition in which all the churches of Christendom are asked to concur, was sent out to the heads of each of the various Christian pations worded in their respective languages:

"GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE. We, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, humbly memorialize you, as the guardian of your people, in behalf of peaceful arbitration as a means of settling questions that arise between nations. The spectacle that is presented of Christian nations facing each other with heavy armaments, ready upon provoca-tion to go to war and settle their differ-

ences by bloodshed or conquest, is, to may the least, a blot upon the fair more of Christian We cannot conversa-without the deepest sorrow the here-of, war, involving the rackless sacrings of human life, that about the held sacred.



RT. REV. A. M. RANDOLPH, D. D.

Episcopal —General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. General Convention of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Friends —Baltimore Yearly Meeting. North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Philanthropic Union of Philadelphia. New York Yearly Meeting. Wilmington (Ohio) Yearly Meeting. Wilmington (Ohio) Yearly Meeting.

German Evangelical.—German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Lutheran —General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

lea, Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina. and many new members have been added. The next meeting will be held Saturday

Methodist Protestant Church, General



They Could Not Come.

Hon. J. S. Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, and Hon. Joseph S. Miller, Commissioner of the United States Internal Revenue, who have been intending to visit Virginia for some time past, And been in hopes to arrive here last night and remain until to-morrow. Commissioner Miller, however, telegraphed to Mr. William Ryan, whose guests the distinguished gentlemen were to be, that owing to the absence of the deputy commissioner, he and Mr. Morton would have to postpone their visit.

Mr. Muller has been in Richmond repeatedly early in the eightles, but Secretary Morton has never visited this city. retary Morton has never visited this city. A special meeting of Post A, Virginia Division, T. P. A., met in their rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building, last night. There was quite a large gather-ing, and matters of importance were at-

The bistricts Chinged.

The boundaries of the Second and Third gas districts in this city have been changed, the Second district having been extended up to the west side of First street, thus including all of the territory now in the Third district from the middle of Fourth street to the west side of First street, and from the southern to the rorthern boundary. Consumers in this section who received plak bills the 1st of the month will receive a green bill on the 23d, and hereafter their bills will be delivered on that day of the month. Captain Stratton Better. The condition of Captain Thomas E. Stratton, who was parasyzed on Friday Stratton, who was paralyzed on Friend morning, was pronounced by his attending physician, Dr. Virginius Harrison, to be somewhat improved at a late hour last night. He now has some use of his limbs, and Dr. Harrison expresses the hope that he may recover, if no other complications arise. The Chancery Court.

The January term of the Chancery Court will begin to-morrow morning. Mrs. Susan T. Newell qualified in this court yestericay me executivity of the late Joseph M. Newell. His estate is valued of human life, that should be held sacred.

bitter distress in many households, the destruction of valuable property, the hindering of education and religion, and a general demoralizing of the people.

Ploreover, the maintaining of a heavy: bly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (Northern). General Assembly of the "Ole Fiddler." This makes no famerica (Northern). General Assembly of the "Ole Fiddler." This makes no famerica (Northern). General Assembly of the people. Mr. Jacob Reinhardt has set to music Mr. B. B. Valentine negro dialect poem, the "Ole Fiddler." This makes number